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1. PAGNICZ TOLD US YESTERDAY (DECEMBER 18) THAT EUROPEANS STILL HAVE NOT AGREED ON LOCATION FOR THEIR JANUARY MEETING. HE SAID THAT FRENCH WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT MEETING AT "HAUTE FONCTIONNAIRE" LEVEL (E.G., BELOW BIGEARD/DESTREMAU STATE SECRETARY LEVEL). FRENCH TEAM MIGHT INCLUDE DEL/ECH (MOD CHIEF OF ARMAMENTS) AND CUAIREP, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS STILL UNDER REVIEW.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, PAGNIEZ SAID THAT FRENCH SIDE CONTINUES TO CONSIDER THIS FIRST MEETING AMONG EUROPEANS AS AN "EXPLORATORY" SESSION TO DETERMINE WHAT OTHER EUROPEANS HAVE IN MIND. CONSEQUENTLY, FRENCH WILL GO TO MEETING MORE AS LISTENERS THAN AS LEADERS. THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF CALLING A CONCRETE "PROGRAM" FOR EUROPEAN ARMAMENT COOPERATION AT JANUARY MEETING.

3. PAGNIEZ CONFIRMED THAT SOVIETS HAVE MADE NO FORMAL APPROACH TO FRENCH CRITICIZING THIS PHASE OF POTENTIAL EUROPEAN ARMAMENT COOPERATION. RECENT PRAVDA ARTICLE (REF C) HAS BEEN ONLY SIGN OF SOVIET DISSATISFACTION WITH THIS INDICATION OF CLOSER EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION, HE SAID.
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